



# **Atlanta Law Firm Issues Winter Safety Advisory as Region Enters Ice Season Following 2025 Storm Injuries**

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As metro Atlanta enters the 2025-2026 winter season, Amircani Law is reminding residents and property owners of slip-and-fall risks following last January's ice storms, which caused widespread injuries across the region. The January 2025 winter weather brought 2.1 inches of snow to Atlanta and up to a quarter-inch of ice to parts of the metro area, contributing to numerous pedestrian accidents on commercial and residential properties throughout Fulton County.

According to a personal injury lawyer at Amircani Law, property owners face specific legal obligations under Georgia premises liability law when winter weather creates hazardous conditions on walkways, parking lots, and building entrances. While Atlanta averages only 2.2 inches of snow annually, the city's limited winter weather infrastructure means even minor ice accumulation can create dangerous conditions that persist for days. The firm notes that black ice, which forms when temperatures drop quickly and moisture freezes on surfaces, poses particular danger because it remains nearly invisible to pedestrians navigating parking areas and sidewalks.

Amircani Law has represented injury victims in Atlanta since its founding, handling cases involving slip and fall accidents, premises liability claims, and negligence matters throughout the metro area. The firm's attorneys work with clients who have sustained injuries on commercial properties, residential areas, and public spaces where property owners failed to maintain safe conditions or provide adequate warnings about known hazards.

"Property owners throughout Atlanta need to understand their legal responsibilities when winter weather creates icy conditions on their premises," said Maha Amircani, Managing Attorney at Amircani Law. "Under Georgia law, property owners must exercise reasonable care to keep their premises safe for visitors, which includes addressing ice and snow hazards in a timely manner. When property owners neglect these duties, and someone suffers injury as a result, they can be held legally accountable for medical expenses, lost wages, and other damages."

National data from the Centers for Disease Control indicate that more than 800,000 people require hospitalization annually due to slip-and-fall injuries, with winter months representing the highest risk period. A study published in the Journal of Safety Research found that 97% of all weather-related injuries involve slips or trips on ice and snow. For Atlanta residents, the risk increases substantially during winter weather events because the city's subtropical climate means residents and property owners often lack experience managing icy conditions that are routine in northern cities.

The January 2025 storms demonstrated Atlanta's particular vulnerability to winter weather. The snow and ice caused crashes throughout the metro area, with significant accidents reported on Interstates 75 and 285, while pedestrian slip-and-fall incidents occurred across commercial districts as businesses remained open despite hazardous walking conditions. Historical winter storms in 2011 and 2014 similarly brought the region to a standstill, with the 2014 "SnowJam" creating region-wide gridlock when light snow on warm roads flash-froze by evening.

Slip and fall accidents during winter weather can result in serious injuries including fractures, head trauma, spinal injuries, and soft tissue damage. Research indicates that approximately 20% of falls cause serious injuries requiring extended medical treatment, with up to 30% of slip-and-fall victims sustaining moderate to severe injuries including broken bones and traumatic brain injuries. For Atlanta slip and fall lawyer cases, establishing liability often requires demonstrating that property owners knew or should have known about hazardous conditions and failed to take reasonable steps to remedy the danger or warn visitors.

Georgia premises liability law requires property owners to maintain their premises in a reasonably safe condition and to warn visitors of hidden dangers. When winter weather creates icy walkways or parking

areas, property owners must act promptly to address these hazards through salting, sanding, snow removal, or clear warning signage. An Atlanta slip and fall attorney can help injury victims understand whether a property owner's actions met legal standards for reasonable care under the circumstances, particularly in cases where victims sustained serious injuries requiring ongoing medical treatment.

As metro Atlanta moves into December and January—the months most likely to see freezing temperatures and winter precipitation—the firm emphasizes that both property owners and pedestrians should take precautions. Property owners should develop winter weather response plans, maintain supplies of ice melt and sand, and establish protocols for monitoring and treating hazardous conditions. Pedestrians should wear appropriate footwear, avoid rushing on potentially icy surfaces, and report hazardous conditions to property managers when encountered.

Injury victims who suffer slip and fall accidents on commercial or residential property should document the accident scene with photographs, obtain contact information from any witnesses, and seek immediate medical evaluation, even if injuries initially appear minor. A personal injury attorney in Atlanta can review the circumstances of an accident, evaluate whether property owner negligence contributed to the injury, and advise victims on their legal options for pursuing compensation for medical expenses, lost income, pain and suffering, and other damages resulting from the accident.

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